

I am horrified by Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election! This is a clear example of how media consolidation threatens the public interest.

I am not anti-media. On the contrary, my father is a professional television news photographer, and we have many family friends in the business. I believe in public media and local broadcasting. But I am very concerned because Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Requiring its stations to air a partisan documentary that may affect the election is manipulative and possibly illegal.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.